

UP Police's Savera Yojana

Why in News?

In observance of <u>World Senior Citizens' Day</u> on 21st August 2025, the UP Police's emergency wing, **UP-112**, launched a special initiative to reconnect with elderly residents enrolled in the **Savera Yojana**.

- The initiative focused on ensuring the **safety, well-being, and dignity of senior citizens** by conducting wellness checks and providing on-the-ground support.
- Police teams across districts contacted thousands of enrolled senior citizens to inquire about their health, safety concerns, and any challenges they were experiencing.

Savera Yojana

- Launched: The initiative was launched by Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath on 26th October 2019.
- Objective: It aims to establish a regular community-connect with the citizens and resolve
 their personal and collective problems at the initial stage itself, in order to create a sense of
 security and safety among the citizens.
- **Registration:** Senior citizens can call **UP-112 to register,** and upon registration, they will receive security assistance from the nearest Police Station or Police Response Vehicle if needed.
- Special Cell: A special Senior Citizen Cell has been constituted at the district level and in every police station to help resolve issues concerning senior citizens.

World Senior Citizen Day

- World Senior Citizen Day is celebrated every year on 21st August to acknowledge the
 contributions of senior citizens, raise awareness about the challenges they face globally, and
 highlight the growing importance of the silver economy.
 - Silver Economy refers to all economic activities, goods, and services catering to senior citizens.
- World Senior Citizen Day began in 1988 when US President Reagan designated 21st August to honor seniors and promote supportive policies.
- It is different from the <u>International Day of Older Persons</u>. The <u>United Nations General Assembly designated 1st October</u> as the International Day of Older Persons, which was first observed in 1991.

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